

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND ALIAN T MIDWEST, INC., d/b/a ALLTEL	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-19
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued September 19, 2000)

On August 9, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a Alltel, filed a sixth amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement to add terms, conditions, and rates for DS-3 capable loops. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-97-19. The Utilities Board (Board), on December 12, 1997, had approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On August 16, 2000, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not

consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Amendment No. 6 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on August 9, 2000, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a Alltel, is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19th day of September, 2000.